

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Riverina Water County Council held on Saturday 5 July 2025

The meeting of the Riverina Water County Council Board was declared open at 11:00am.

Present

Chairperson Tim Koschel (via teams)
Councillor Gail Driscoll (via teams)
Councillor Patrick Bourke (via teams)
Councillor Dallas Tout
Councillor Allana Condon (via teams)
Councillor Brian Liston (via teams)
Councillor Jenny McKinnon (via teams)

In Attendance

Chief Executive Officer	(Andrew Crakanthorp)
Director Corporate Services	(Emily Tonacia) (via teams)
Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer	(Melissa Vincent)
ICT Officer	(Alex Corneliusen)

Livestreaming of Meeting

Board meetings, including public address speeches, are recorded and webcast live on Council's website. If you are addressing a meeting, your image, voice and name, will form part of the webcast.

Statement of Ethical Reminders

Board members are reminded of the Oath or Affirmation of Office that they made under Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993. Board members and staff are also reminded of their obligations under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

Acknowledgment of Country

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Community members present.

Apologies

25/101 **RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors P Bourke and B Liston

That an apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Lea Parker.

CARRIED

Record of voting on the Motion

For the Motion

Cr P Bourke
Cr T Koschel
Cr G Driscoll
Cr D Tout
Cr A Condon
Cr B Liston

Against the Motion

Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Allana Condon declared a non-pecuniary non-significant interest in CONF-1 2025 Award Negotiation Update and Finalisation of Harmonisation of Hours Matter the reason being she has a relationship with someone that works at Riverina Water and remained in the meeting during the discussion.

Councillor Gail Driscoll declared a non-pecuniary interest in CONF-1 2025 Award Negotiation Update and Finalisation of Harmonisation of Hours Matter the reason being her daughter works for Riverina Water and remained in the meeting during the discussion.

Councillor Jenny McKinnon declared a non-pecuniary non-significant interest in CONF-1 2025 Award Negotiation Update and Finalisation of Harmonisation of Hours Matter the reason being she has a relative that works at Riverina Water and remained in the meeting during the discussion.

Ms Emily Tonacia declared a non-significant non-pecuniary interest in CONF-1 2025 Award Negotiation Update and Finalisation of Harmonisation of Hours Matter the reason being the report is discussing the approach by management for the process of the upcoming IRC meeting and remained in the meeting for the discussion.

Closed Council

Pursuant to section 10A(4), the public were invited to make representations to the Council meeting before any part of the meeting is closed, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

No members of the public were present or made representations.

25/102 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors P Bourke and G Driscoll

That the Council now resolve itself into a Closed Council, the time being 11:03am.

CARRIED

Record of voting on the Motion

For the Motion

Against the Motion

Cr P Bourke

Cr T Koschel

Cr G Driscoll

Cr D Tout

Cr A Condrón

Cr B Liston

Alex Corneliusen left the meeting at 11:03am

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

Confidential Reports

Jenny McKinnon joined the meeting at 11:12am

CONF-1 2025 Award Negotiation Update and Finalisation of Harmonisation of Hours Matter

25/103 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors G Driscoll and P Bourke

That the Board receive and note the report and delegate authority to the Acting CEO to negotiate the 2025 Riverina Water Enterprise Award in the terms as recommended in this report.

CARRIED

Record of voting on the Motion

For the Motion

Against the Motion

Cr P Bourke

Cr T Koschel

Cr G Driscoll

Cr J McKinnon

Cr D Tout

Cr A Condrón

Cr B Liston

Reversion to Open Council

25/104 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors A Condron and B Liston

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 11:21am.

CARRIED

Record of voting on the Motion

For the Motion

Against the Motion

Cr P Bourke

Cr T Koschel

Cr G Driscoll

Cr J McKinnon

Cr D Tout

Cr A Condron

Cr B Liston

Alex Corneliusen joined the meeting at 11:19am

Decisions Read Aloud

The Chief Executive Officer read aloud the decisions of the Council made whilst the meeting was closed to the public.

This concluded the meeting of the Riverina Water County Council Board which rose at 11:21am.